



## A TRIP THROUGH THE BIBLE

Many years ago I entered this wonderful temple called the Bible. I entered at the portico of Genesis, walked down through the Old Testament art gallery where the pictures of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Isaac, and Daniel hung on the wall. I passed into the music room of Psalms, where the spirit swept the keyboard of nature and brought forth the dirge-like wail of the weeping prophet Jeremiah to the grand, impassioned strain of Isaiah, until it seemed that every reed and pipe in God's great organ of nature responded to the tuneful harp of David, the sweet singer of Israel. I entered the chapel of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher was heard, and into the conservatory of Sharon, and the Lily of the Valley's sweet-scented spices filled and perfumed my life. I entered the business office of the Proverbs, then into the observatory room of the prophets, where I saw telescopes of various sizes, some pointed to far-off events, but all concentrated on the bright and morning star which was to rise above the moonlit hills of Judea for our salvation.

I entered the audience room of the King of kings, and caught a vision of His glory from the standpoint of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; passed into the acts of the Apostles, where the Holy Spirit was doing His work in the formation of the infant church. Then into the correspondence room, where sat Paul, James, John, and Jude, penning their epistles. I stepped into the throne room of Revelation, where all towered into glittering peaks, and I got a vision of the King sitting upon His throne in all His glory, and I cried:

“All hail the power of Jesus' name,

Let angels prostrate fall,

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all.”

– author unknown

## There is ONE (Ephesians 4:4-6)

**BODY:** The “body” is the church that belongs to Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18) and Christians are members of this one body. This means that there is *one* church, not many different churches. God does not have many religions and denominational churches. There is only one body/church.

**SPIRIT:** There is one Holy Spirit that was sent to reveal all truth through the apostles (Jn. 16:13). The Holy Spirit will not teach different doctrines. Those who teach and practice things not found in the Bible are not guided by the one and only Holy Spirit.

**HOPE:** The one hope is eternal life with God (Matt. 25:46). It is not about collecting houses, cars, or investments of this life. The things of this earth are temporary and perishable (Matt. 6:19), but the heavenly reward is incorruptible, undefiled, and reserved for all those who put their faith in God (1 Pet. 1:3-4).

**LORD:** Jesus is our one and only Lord and Master (1 Cor. 8:6). No one on earth could replace him. Some religious and earthly leaders feel they should be revered and adored above other men. The Christian's first allegiance is to Jesus as our Lord and Savior (Acts 5:29-31).

**FAITH:** We must put our faith in Jesus or we will die in our sins (Jn. 8:24). The doctrine of Christ is the one body of truth that all must follow (Jude 3; 2 Jn. 9). Any other “faith” or truth is false.

**BAPTISM:** The one baptism is immersion in water in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 8:36-38; Mk. 16:16). This is the one and only baptism commanded of men today to be saved (Acts 22:16).

**GOD:** Some religions advocate many gods (polytheism). This is a false belief. There is only one God and Father in heaven (1 Cor. 8:6). Are you listening to and obeying His Word? MWG